

## PRIMARY DAY WILL BE LIVELY

SULLIVAN'S CROKER STARTS IN TO DO UP THE SULLIVANS

The fight which is to be held on the 31st of July is the most important of the year. It is a fight between the two political parties, the Tammany and the Republican, and it is a fight which will determine the fate of the city.

The managers of the two political parties think that they have got a list of all the primary fights that are to be held on the 31st of July, and the programme promises a lively day all over the county of New York on Sept. 17. Each of the two parties has one big fight that is taking the public attention from the others. In the Tammany fight the Foley-Divver contest in the Second Assembly district takes the lead because of the fame of the two men who are engaged in it and because of the line of cleavage that it shows in Tammany Hall.

None of the old board of Police Justices was more famous than Judge Divver, and Big Tom Foley has been a figure in downtown politics for years. Then, too, it is generally understood that in supporting Police Senator Tim Sullivan of the Eighth district has shown his contempt for the Hon. Richard Croker, who is a friend to Judge Divver. It was through the influence of Mr. Croker that Divver was able to return to the leadership of the district in 1898, when he succeeded ex-Alderman Nick Brown, and it has been said many times that Mr. Croker regarded Mr. Divver as one of the most astute of the political advisers of the Hall in all matters of practical detail.

In the district is has been understood for years that what Divver wanted the big chief would do, and for this reason there was some surprise when it became known that the Sullivan were out fighting for the opposition. No one who has known the relations that exist between the Sullivan and Mr. Croker was at all surprised by the appearance of the Senator and his friends against the favorite of the boss, however. The Sullivan are independent, and they think that they can run their own districts as well without the aid of the Democratic Club as they can with it. This was shown strikingly when the Tammany vice hunters were sent out. Complaint had been made that the conditions were not good in the Sullivan districts, and it became known that the Tammany Five intended to create a diversion there. At once Senator Sullivan called on Mr. Croker and told him that the Five must not attack the Sixth, and that it would be better for all hands if it kept away from there. The committee did not go near the district, and all that it did that amounted to anything was the raid in Police Commissioner Murphy's district, in which the father of a wayward boy figured.

There has been a great deal of talk of the growing independence of the Sullivan and there are prophets in Tammany that say that the time is coming when for his own protection Chief Croker will be obliged to do up the family. The family is not at all alarmed, for it feels that it is capable of caring for itself. So it made no bones about going in with Foley, and it is doing all that it can to help him win. It has been said that some of the Sullivan trustees from the Sixth have migrated to the Second to live there from now until the primaries, and that they will all vote for Foley.

The most interesting fight in the Republican ranks is in the Twenty-ninth, where President Morris of the County Committee has become involved in the struggle between the Plaza Republican Club followers of ex-Assemblyman Frank Buckley and the regulars who follow the leader, Alexander T. Mason. Mr. Morris was a member of the Plaza club, but when it became known that a considerable number of the members of the club were going to take part in the fight against Mason, he resigned to show that he had no sympathy with the movement. Some of the enemies of Mr. Morris have said that as the President of the County Committee he should not have shown so plainly his attitude in the matter; but it is known that Mr. Morris is of the opinion that this is not the proper way for fighting in the Republican ranks. He is of the opinion that all of the fighting blood in the organization should be saved for use in the municipal campaign. Mr. Mason's friends think that he will win the fight, but they are not sure, for the Buckley folks say that they came near to doing him up last year, and that they will be successful this year.

The struggle of the Hackett forces in the Seventh Assembly district against Franklin B. Miller, the Republican leader, will give the first opportunity to test the Primary law as far as it is intended to prevent frauds. Mr. Hackett and one of his lieutenants, named Bernstein, have been arrested on the charge of filing forged endorsement certificates for the purpose of preventing frauds. It was to prevent this sort of thing that the new law was enacted in 1898, for there was a fear that the "spoils" of the Hackett family were going to prosecute the case to the end and that he has evidence that will result in the conviction of a number of men. The Sheehan Committee, which is in control of the Tammany committee in the Ninth Assembly district several indictments were found, but they did not result in convictions, for the prosecution was not prepared.

As to Tammany fights, there is an interesting one in the Thirty-fifth district, where a number of the Tammany men are combined in the fight against the boss of the borough of The Bronx, whose nomination for the office that he has now depends on his success at the primary election. The fight is between the Ryan fight is providing some amusement. This contest is nearly as warm as the Divver-Foley contest in the personality of the two men. The Ryan fight is the district open from one end to the other. In the Thirty-fifth the old followers of Commissioner of Jurors Wells have found the Secretary of the Board of Education, James W. Boyle, willing to lead them against Isaac A. Hopper, the contractor, who took the leadership away from Wells. Word has gone out through the district that Boyle has the support of Peter F. Meyer, one of the Dock Commissioners, who is the real estate partner of Richard Croker, and that the big chief will be much pleased if Boyle wins. Whether this is true or not no one can tell, for though Mr. Croker always says that he keeps his hands off district fights, he has interfered in plenty of them, and he is likely to see his own men on top. At any rate, the men who are known to be in favor of Mr. Boyle are called the "anti-dock" faction, in recognition of the attitude of Mr. Meyer toward the greenwich dock law.

In the Twenty-third is the old fight against the man who represents Corporation Counsel in the Ninth this year for all the Sheehan men have gone into the Greater New York Democracy, and will devote their time to strengthening that organization. It is expected that East River Bridge Commissioner James W. Boyle will make any effort to regain the leadership of the Seventh district which was taken from him by Alderman Keahan last year, there is to be a contest in the Second district where Denis Shea is leader. In the third one of the delegates to the County Committee, Coffey, by name, has started a fight against Fred Haidy, but it is not regarded as a serious

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A big leopard, which has eaten thirty of thirty-five goats, was shipped with it as Calcutta, arrived from that port yesterday aboard the British steamship Buceatour. The leopard's cage was somewhat flimsily constructed by natives, and on the first night out of Calcutta, the animal made an attempt to escape, breaking the cage. Nearly all the crew were called to secure the leopard. It is consigned to a Mr. Burke of Philadelphia.

The Buceatour brings a large consignment of plants for the botanical garden at Washington.

Japanese ports, has aboard five bears, four deer, sixteen monkeys, two orang-outangs, a leopard, a lemur and an anaconda, said to be the smallest ox in existence.

## THEY SHOUTED FOR A PRIZE

NOIST CONTEST AT COLUMBIA COACHING CLUB'S OUTING.

Alderman, Commissioner and Contractor Were the Chief Contestants. The Club's Outing Was a Success. The Club's Outing Was a Success.

The argument started over in Columbia Hall which is in the Greenville section of Jersey City. Alderman Peter Ehrhardt, who represents the Seventh ward in Jersey City, was trying to get a word in edgewise but he was crowded out by Tom Keely who is known as the Commissioner and George Keim, who is a Jersey City contractor. Joseph Kaiser, the proprietor of the hall, tried to straighten things out so that only one man might talk at a time. But he only added more trouble to the case for when Kaiser began to talk all of the members of the Columbia club got into the argument. The Columbia club is composed of politicians and business men of Jersey City.

"Cut it out!" yelled Kaiser, "and we'll settle it all when we have the outing of the Columbia Coaching Club. We'll get the Police Commissioner to act as umpire and then we can decide who can shout the